

# Visitor's Guide: Pentagon



Each Pentagon tour offers information about the mission of the Department of Defense and service branches and highlights significant moments in military history.



**What to Bring:** Proper identification (see below), and printed copies of any confirmation documents that our office has emailed to you.

**Note:** You must bring your confirmation materials to enter the building. Also, proper identification must be shown to building security.

- Ages 12 and under do not need an ID.
- Ages 13 to 17 are required to produce one form of photo ID or have a guardian to vouch for them.
- Ages 18 and up must show two forms of ID (one form must be a photo ID, the other may be a credit/debit card, social security card, birth certificate, or another item with the individual's name printed on it, excluding business cards).
- Please contact Pentagon Force Protection Agency directly at (703) 697-1001 if you have questions about acceptable forms of ID.



**Location:** 1400 Defense, Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301

**Arrival:** You should plan to arrive at the Pentagon Metro station 30 minutes before your scheduled tour time to allow for security procedures. Present your tour confirmation letter and identification for each group member to Pentagon Police personnel. Upon clearing security, proceed into the building and turn left to find the Pentagon Tours window, which is located inside the Pentagon Visitors Center in the visitor waiting area.



**Nearest Metro**

*Pentagon*—Blue/Yellow Line, 2 South Rotary Road (Arlington, VA)



**Duration:** One to two hours



All visitors must pass through an airport type security scanning device. Prohibited items will be confiscated. **Note: Pentagon Security is particularly tight.**

**Prohibited Items:**

- Backpacks, camera bags, or shopping bags
- Food or beverages
- Personal grooming items (makeup, lotion, etc.)
- Any pointed objects (including knitting needles)
- Aerosol containers
- Guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, box cutters, martial arts weapons/devices, or knives of any size

**Accepted Items:**

- Electronics (Cannot be used on the tour route)
- Tobacco products (Cannot be used on the tour route)
- Strollers
- Wallets
- Jackets
- Keys
- Umbrellas



**Dining Options:** No on-site dining facilities are open to Pentagon visitors. However, the Pentagon City Mall, which is one stop away on the blue line at the Pentagon City Metro station, has a large food court.



**Gift Shop:** The Pentagon gift shop is not open to visitors unaccompanied by a Pentagon employee escort.



**Accessibility:** This tour is accessible to individuals with mobility and other impairments. Hearing and vision impaired visitors can request accommodations with two weeks advance notice.

If you have any other questions please visit <http://pentagontours.osd.mil/>, or call our office at (202) 224-2651 and ask for the Tour Coordinator.

If while in DC you need immediate help with your Pentagon tour, you can contact the Pentagon directly at (703) 697-1776.